

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Michael Kubayanda, Chairman;
Ashley E. Poling, Vice Chairwoman;
Mark Acton;
Ann C. Fisher; and
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Price Changes

Docket No. CP2021-127

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING TIME-LIMITED CHANGES IN RATES OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY FOR COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

(Issued August 11, 2021)

I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

On August 10, 2021, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission concerning time-limited changes in rates of general applicability for Competitive products.¹ The Postal Service represents that, as required by 39 CFR 3035.102(b), the Notice includes an explanation and justification for the changes, the effective date, a schedule of the changed rates, and a schedule showing current prices that shall be restored. See Notice at 1. The changes are scheduled to take effect on October 3, 2021, and will roll back to current levels on December 26, 2021. *Id.*

¹ USPS Notice of Time-Limited Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, August 10, 2021 (Notice). Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(2), the Postal Service is obligated to publish the Governors' Decision and record of proceedings in the *Federal Register* at least 30 days before the effective date of the new rates.

Attached to the Notice is Governors' Decision No. 21-5, which states the new prices are in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3633 and 39 CFR 3035.102.² The Governors' Decision provides an analysis of the Competitive products' price changes intended to demonstrate that the changes comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR part 3035. Governors' Decision No. 21-5 at 1. The attachment to the Governors' Decision sets forth the price changes and includes draft Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) language for Competitive products of general applicability, as well as the MCS sections with the prices that will be restored on December 26, 2021. No price changes are being made to Special Services or International Competitive products. *Id.* at 3.

The Notice also includes an application for non-public treatment of the attributable costs, contribution, and cost coverage data in the unredacted version of the annex to the Governors' Decision, as well as the supporting materials for the data. Notice at 2.

Planned price adjustments. The Governors' Decision includes an overview of the Postal Service's planned price changes, which is summarized in the table below.

² Notice, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 21-5), at 1 (Governors' Decision No. 21-5).

Table I-1
Proposed Price Changes

Product Name	Average Price Increase (percent)
Domestic Competitive Products	
Priority Mail Express	2.3
Retail	2.3
Commercial Base	2.2
Commercial Plus	2.2
Priority Mail	5.7
Retail	5.3
Commercial Base	6.3
Commercial Plus	6.3
Parcel Select	11.0
Destination Delivery Unit	0.0
Destination Sectional Center Facility	15.9
Destination Network Distribution Center	12.5
Lightweight	5.3
Ground	6.2
Parcel Return Service	13.0
Return Sectional Center Facility	7.4
Return Delivery Unit	18.7
First-Class Package Service	7.6
Retail	6.4
Commercial	8.0
Retail Ground	5.3

Source: See Governors' Decision No. 21-5 at 2-3.

II. INITIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2021-127 to consider the Postal Service's Notice. Interested persons may express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E. Comments are due no later than August 25, 2021. For specific details of the planned price changes, interested persons are encouraged to review the Notice, which is available on the Commission's website at www.prc.gov.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Kenneth R. Moeller is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2021-127 to provide interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E.
2. Comments are due no later than August 25, 2021.
3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Kenneth R. Moeller to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Jennie L. Jbara
Alternate Certifying Officer